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1882	8,151,157	22,331
1883	12,235,235	33.541
1884	28,519,785	77,922
1885	51,241,267	140,387
1886	70.126,041	192,120
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THE CHILDREN'S BILL,

The first hearing on THE EVENING WORLD'S amendment to the Children's law was given by the Judiciary Committee at Albany yesterday. Robert Ray Hamilton ably presented the arguments in favor of the amendment, and ELBRIDGE T. GERRY, with customary vigor, presented the objections. A final and decisive hearing will be given Feb. 6.

THE EVENING WORLD has already established a strong case in favor of the smendment. The arguments of the learned Justices of the Supreme Bench and the force of the facts presented in these columns should leave no doubt as to the result of the movement. Ht is a clean-cut case of justice vs. mius-

tice, natural rights vs. despotism, and such a case should be safe in the hands of the Committee headed by Mr. Saxton.

We have a lot more of effective ammunition on hand. But our readers may have

> Scotch Songs [By Amélie Rices, in February Harper's.]

I. MY LADDIE. Oh. my laddie, my laddie, I lo'e your very plaidie, I lo'e your very bonnet
Wi' the silver buckle on it,
I lo'e your colle llarry,
I lo'e the kent ye carry;
But oh i it's past my power to tell
How much, how much I lo'e yoursel!

Oh, my dearie, my dearie,
I could luik an' never weary
At your een sae blue an' laughin',
That a heart o' stane wad saften,
While your mouth sae proud and curly
Gars my heart gang trihe-wirlie;
But oh! yoursel, your very sel,
I lo'e ten thousand times as well!

Ob, my darlin', my darlin', Let's gang smang the carlin, Let's loll upo' the heather. A' this bonny, bonny weather: Ye shall fauld me in your plaidle, My lave, my lave, my laddie; An close, an close into your car Fil tell ye how I lo'e ye, dear.

11.-LOVE'S GHOST. The wan moon luiks fu' patiently From out a scarf o' rainbow licht. Like a woman pale wi' mony a grief Drest oot in colors bricht.

The stars are eyes, sad, sad wi' tears, The clouds are facry winding-sheets

The trees grim han's reached up in prayer,
An' the wind a ghaist that greets. Another ghaist gangs at my side, Wi' eyes like stars, sad, sad wi' tears, His wastit han's reach up in prayer, His sobs torment my cars.

Pale ghaist o' love, gang on, gang on;

Why will ye ever haunt me sac ? Ye are a part o' hours fied, A piece o' yesterday.

I know ye not. Flit, flit awa'; Your eyes like fires burn in my heart, Wraith o' fause luve, haunt not the leal; In true luve's raine, depart,

Selina Deinro Is Dead. The death of Mme. Selina Dolaro, the opera-

bouffe singer, is announced to-day, having occurred last night at 365 West Twenty-third street. Mine. Dolaro had been for three years a consumptive, and for that period had been off the stage. She was born in London, and early in life established horself as a prime fa-vorite on the operatic stage. She was of a gay and dashing disposition and made many per-sonal friends. She leaves two sons and two daughters, the result of an early and unfortu-nate marriage.

Heard in Every Household.

Husband-Maria, don't I allow you enough pin money ? Wife-Why, yes, indeed, Charles. Husband-Well, I'm blest it I can ever find a pin around the house when I want one.

THE ANSWER

The Other Call Was From a Lower Court, Where the Doctor Was to Be Tried for Breach of Promise-President Forster's

Death Once Delayed the Suit and the

Decease of the Doctor Ends It. SUPREME COURT-CIRCUIT, PART L Before Bankert, J. Court opens at 16 A. M. 2,253, Hybbell v. Blus-J. D. Townsend for plaintiff; Weeks & F. for defendant,

BLISS.-Suddenly, Jan. 23, 1880, at his late residence 235 West 51st st., CHARLES BLISS, M. D., in the

These notices were published simultancously this morning the first in the Law Reqister calendar of the various courts : the latter among the death notices in several news-

Each morning for two weeks Mr. Forster, of Weeks & Forster, has responded to the call of No. 2,253 on the calendar in Justice Barrett's Court, "ready for the defense," and the case had advanced from the very bottom of a long calendar to the very top. The case would have been tried to-day.

Dr. Charles Bliss was a man of the wold, He was born in Lee, Mass., in 1839, and came of an old New England family. He studied medicine at Pittsfield and served his country for three years, from 1861 to 1864, in a Pennsylvania regiment, and when the war was over, obtained his diploma from the Berkshire Medical College and began practice as a partner of Dr. N. C. Husted, of West Fortysecond street.

He was successful. In 1870 he married.

He lost two wives before he married Alicia Lawton, about a year ago, and he leaves

Lawton, about a year ago, and he leaves three daughters.

Hardly had the ink of the record of the last marriage dried when Miss Bessie Hubbell, a coinely woman, brought suit against Dr. Bliss for \$20,000 damages for alleged breach of promise of marriage.

Miss Hubbell claims that in 1887, while she was living with her mother and brothers in Fifty-ninth street, she had occasion to visit Dr. Bliss for medical treatment. He immediately bestowed marked attention upon her.

Dr. Bliss for medical treatment. He immediately bestowed marked attention upon her, she says, and as he was a widower she presumed him to be famey free.

He had the reputation of being an honorable man and Miss Hubbell scepted his attention, and after a little while, when she was on a visit to his office, says Miss Hubbell, he took advantage of her innecence and accomplished her downfall, under a promise of marriage.

of marriage.

Their intimacy was kept up till Dr. Bliss married another woman. Then Miss Hubbell consulted John D. Townsend and the was the bringing of this action for ch of promise.

Bliss engaged George H. Forster

Dr. Bliss engaged George H. Forster as counsel and the case was set down for trial in November. But Mr. Foster, who was President of the Board of Alderman, died on Nov. 7, and the trial was postponed to Dec. 3. Mr. Forster's brother, Charles, was substituted, but the trial has been delayed by the congested condition of the Court Calcudars till now, just as it had reached the first place in the order of preferences. Dr. Bliss's taking off puts an end to the litigation, for the action dies with him.

Dr. Bliss, when questioned regarding Miss

be action does with him.

Dr. Bliss, when questioned regarding Miss hubbell's suit, shortly before his death, relied: "It is all a blackmailing scheme of

that woman."

Miss Hubbell is a stately young woman of twenty-two and has always lived with her mother. She is refined in manner and hand-some. She has always borne a good character, say those who know her, though Dr. Bliss vehemently denied this latter.

Dr. Blies was defendant, two years ago, in a suit brought by Charles Caldecott, a sales-man at Stern Brothers' dry-goods store, for \$10,000 damages for betraying his wife while the was proble by she was under his care as a physician.

After the papers had been served Caldecott ordered his lawyers to discontinue the suit, as he had settled with Dr. Bii-s for \$2,000.

Yesterday morning at 10, 30, when the cal-endar was called in Part I. of the Supremo Court, the contouding lawyers in the Bliss case responded, "ready."

At that very moment Dr. Bliss received the

summons before a higher tribunal
At 8.30, as he followed his butler down the
cellar stair to make a personal investigation
of the causes for the settling of the coal frap
in the sidewalk before his house, he made a
mistep and plunged headlong down the
stairs

stairs.

He was a big man, 6 feet in hight and weighing fully 250 pounds. The fourth step in the stairs broke under his weight and he struck on his bead on the cellar floor, the force of the blow rendering him unconscious. noticed that it is not The Evening World's habit to fire aimlessly into the air. And so we'll let these matters rest for a few days until the date of the hearing approaches, Then look out, Mr. Gerry, for a genuine cannonade.

Drs. Edward G. Janeway, John C. Davin, J. H. Drew and Alsdorf were hastily summoned and did all in their power to save him, but he had evidently bursted an artery in the brain, and the accumulation of blood in the skull produced death at 10.30 o'clock. Dr. Bliss had accumulated considerable property. He was a member of the County Medical Society and of the Academy of Medica Medical Society and of the Academy of Medi-cine, an officer in the Ancient Order of For-esters and a member of the Berkshire Lodge of Masons, at Pittsfield, Mass. He was a skilful writer for the medical journals and the author of a book on obstetrics. Dr. Davin says that Dr. Bliss was much distressed over the suit of Miss Hubbell and worned over it enough to reader his brain

worried over it enough to render his brain peculiarly susceptible to shock.

Howe and Hummell claim to have letters and other writings in the hand of Miss Hubbell which would clearly prove the entire innocence of Dr. Bliss.

Dr. Bliss's funeral will take place at 11 o'clock to-morrow, at All Souls' Church The interment will be at Woodlawn.

KILLED BY COAL GAS.

Henry Edward Found Dead and a Stranger Unconscious in a Vacant Building.

At 11 o'clock this morning Henry Edward, twenty-one years old, a stone agent living at Woodlawn, N. Y., was found dead in the new unoccupied building at Kingsbridge road and Arthur avenue.

He had been suffocated by coal gas.

An unknown man was found with Edward, about twenty-six years old, 5 feet 8 inches in beight, of light complexion, wearing a mustache and dressed in a brown suit and The unknown was removed to the Harlem

Hospital, unconscious.

The men had entered the building during the night. A coal fire had been burning to keep the dampness out of the walls. ---

Takor's Letter to His Parents.

In a letter to his parents in Germany, found in his room at 400 East Eighty-second street, Paul Taker, the man who shot Theodore Wahl, in Seventh street, and tried to kill himself after m seventh street, and tried to an immediate marker wards, expresses his determination to disrather than be locked up, and says he knews two glasses of beer make him erazy. From evidence gathered by the police, it is evident that the shooting of Wahi was accidental, occurring while the two men, both intoxicated, were fooling with the pistol.

A Woman Burned in a Lamp Explosion. A kerosene lamp exploded early this morning in the rooms occupied by Kate McGuire at 50d east Thirteenth street. While she was trying to put out the flames she was severely burned about the face, hands and thest. Her injuries were attended to by an ambulance surgeon.

> Original Suggestion. Prom Pine

Mrs. Carter-1 wonder what I can give the guests at our next tea?

Mr. Carter—Suppose you give them some tea?

INFANTS treated with MONELL'S TEETHING CORDIAL hile teething are not fretful. Price 25 cents.

THEM RATTLING DOWN.

The Wrong House.



Tramp (thinking to obtain sympathy)-I say, num, I ain't got nowhere that I kin call a home, and I ain't eat nuthin' ail day. Would you mind it, mum, if I slep' in the snow here until

of House (who knows 'em)-No, I ain't oft any objections. You can drop down there mywhere; only remember, that as I don't charge you anything for your lodgin. I shall expec you to shove! the snow away from the ouse in the mornin'.

He-I am going out, dear, to see a friend. She-Well, I'll go with you. I'm thirsty, too.

The German Oliver Twist. [From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.] The answer to a suppressed conundrum is that

Germany is like Oliver Twist because it wants Asking Too Much of Him. [From Harper's Magazine,]

"You all remember the words of Webster, shouted the orator. "No, we don't," interrupted a man in the gal-lery. "He has so many words I can't remember more than half of 'em."

> Costly Botanical Specimens. [Fram Time.]

McCrackle-I suppose that orchids are the most costly of plants. I see that sometimes as much as \$1,000 is paid for one.
Cumso—Oh, no; they are not the costliest. I have known mining plants to cost a dozen times

> A Flowery Sermon. [From Harper's Magazine for February.]

"Well, my dear, what did you think of Dr. Verbose's sermon this morning?" "Why, I was very much surprised. I never knew before that the apparently simple text he chose was so hard to explain."

A Night Call. [From the Burlington Free Press.]
He (after reasonable hours)--You seem ill. She-Yes, I'm sick.

He (alarmed)—Shail I go for the doctor.
She—Yes, do go.
Same (after he had gone)—Such a relief! And
it will only cost \$3. Heaven vs. Church.

[From the Philadelphia Record.] St. Peter-Enter. Why do you hesitate? New Spirit-I don't see any usher. We have no ushers here. Sit where you please." Dear me! How different heaven is from a

A Comprehensive Reason. 'Mr. Droolby, can you give any reason for

your present condition? You have been under the influence of liquor for a week."
"Shertainly, old man; a good reason." "What is it?"
"My wife is visiting her friends in the East.

Why Philadelphia Is Slow.

(From the Philadelphia Record.) Chicago Man (in Philadelphia)—Well, I don't vonder Philadelphia is called a slow old town. It would be impossible to do business here.
Thiledelphia Host-Eh? Impossible to do business? Why?
Why, the streets are so narrow you can't dodge creditors.

| From Time. 1

In a certain part of "Hampshire,"
Where the true name should be "Dampshire,"
Where the chills and fever reign the Summer
through.
A lavern, impretentions,
Has a host so conscientions.
That he calls his boarding-house the "Montague."

David's Singular Observation.

What was it that David said to Solomon on a ertain occasion ?" asked a Texas Sunday-school

teacher of his class.

A boy with an anxions expression of countenance raises his hand.

"What did David say?"

"Tom Jones ran a pin into me clean up to the head and it's in there yet."

Admonitory.

[Prom the Washington Critic.]
To Gen. Greely: No. sir! No! no! We don't want your poem on "Spring," We don't want your Spring. Give us some Winter. Weite us a poem on the "Beautiful Snow," if you want to see yourself in print. But don't send your poem on Spring to this office. We haven't got fire enough in the stove to burn it up. What are you thinking about, anylow? This isn't May, it's January! Look at your almanae, man. Brace up, and put your darned old weather bureau on ice.

Knew His Business.

Lady (entering editor's room)-Good evening, Editor (politely)-Good evening. Lady-I would like to secure a position on ur paper as society editress, sir.

Editor (coldly)-Very sorry, madam, but you (indignantly)-But, sir, you do not Editor (emphatically)—You will exense me, adam, but I do know. It is now 5 o'clock M. If you knew your business you would ave said. Good morning when you came in oad day, ma'am. Turning to reporter; Say, Sporterly, out that dog fight down so's to 'Say, Sporterly, cut that dog fight down so's to eave a little more room for your report of Mrs. slabside's surio danguarty. We can't afford to out society matters in the soup while the boom

How He Was Benten.



day ! Mr. Blaquelegge-Went broke. The fellow beat me all to pieces, although I rung in marked cards.
"Don't you know who he is ?"
"No! Who is he ?"

"Why, he's the manufacturer of those cards," | feel perfectly well,

PEOPLE.

It Is Provided For in a Bill Now Before an Assembly Committee-Lots of Room for the Pier Retween Tenth and Fourteenth Streets, in the East River-Popular Expressions on the Subject. Enterprise.

A bill has been introduced in the Assembly authorizing the Dock Department of this city to build a pier on the East River front between Tenth and Fourteenth's reets. This pier is designed to be used by the

public as a breathing spot. Assemblyman Thomas J. Creamer is the author of the bill.

The bill authorizes the Department to construct the pier of such dimensions and materials as the officials of the department may deem proper on lands under water with n the limits stated above.

The innels required for the work, if not plready owned by the city shall be acquired in a manner according to law, and the ex-pense of constructing the pier shall be paid in he same manner.

In the same manner.

Further, the act provides that upon completion the pier shall be open for the free use and enjoyment of the public between May 1 and Oct, 31 during each year. During this time no goods or increhandise is to be stored on the pier, except those needed in repairing it, and no craft except those belonging to the Dock Department, the police and fire boats, will be allowed to land.

The care and management of the pier is to e under the supervision of the Dock De-

be under the supervision of the Dock Department.

Mr. Creamer introduced the bill Jan. 16 and it was referred to the Committee on Cities.

An Evenino World reporter made a tour of the territory between Third avenue and the river to ascertain the sentiment of the people in the mat er.

"Why," said Mr. J. J. Skelly, of 337 East Fourteenth street, "it would be one of the best charities ever bestowed upon the poor of this city. If there were such a pier there would be less sickness than there is and a great deal more happiness. It is a good idea, and I am in favor of it."

Christopher Voss, of 411 East Fourteenth street—I am thoroughly in favor of anything which goes towards making the path of the poor easier, and of course I favor building the pier.

Fred Behr, 609 East Eleventh street—A pleasure resort of the kind proposed would be of more benefit to a large class of people than the parks. The poor who are unable to take a salt-water trip might come over to their pier and bring their lunch and spend a very pleasant time. This scheme is the best that has been proposed for a long time, and

it has my earnest support.

J. H. Heitman, 539 East Thirteenth street— I am in favor of it.

Mrs. Mullin, a storekeeper, of 507 Fast
Thirteenth street—If the pier is buit, I
don't think I would be able to visit it; but there are thousands of poor mothers in the neighborhood who would take their children

over for an airing.

Mrs. Doerr, 613 East Eleventh street. — The pier which Mr. Creamer proposes the city shall build would be of great benefit to the masses. There would be hundreds of peo-ple who would flock to the place in search of

ple who would flock to the place in search of a little fresh air and recreation.

James Carroll, 628 East Twelfth street.—I am glad to see The Evenino World bringing this proposition to the public eye. A pier with a number of benches on it, in the locality mentioned in the bill, is just what a majority of the people in the vicinity want. I hope the bill will become a law.

Henry Schacht, 423 East Fourteenth street—I want to see the pier built. If it is there —I want to see the pier built. If it is, there will be scores of overworked mothers who will take their children down for a little rest, Henry Brown, 509 East Thirteenth street—

Henry Brown, 509 East Thirteenth street—
If the pier is built there are many who will
take advantage of its benefits. I, for one,
will be benefited by it. I have a wife and
little children, and if there were such a place
for us to go during the Summer evenings,
oh! how good it would be,
Jacob Watson, 372 East Tenth street—It
would be a good thing, and I would like to
see it become a fact. see it become a fact. Charles Oudin, 433 East Fourteenth street-

The people need it. If there was a resort of this kind a great many men would go down with their families and spend an enjoyable evening. I am heartily in favor of the proposition, and hope to see the pier built in the

JUNKERMANN AT AMBERC'S.

These who care to get both instruction and pleasure from a theatrical performance are recommended to drop into Mr. Amberg's handsome house and see Junkermann, the elever many who laugh at the idea of receiving any permanent benefit from a three hours' occupancy of an orchestra chair. These people I will leave to their "Brass Monkeys" and their

Junkermann's performance last night in "Das Bemooste Haupt," a not particularly entertainng comedy in three acts and eight "pictures" by Benedix, shows how entirely the artist is willing to subordinate the star to the company. The American actors could learn a great deal from Junkermann, who sinks his individuality in a rôle of little importance, in which he can peither claim the cherished "centre of the stage, 'nor gain rounds of applause by 'catch'

specches and clap-trap devices.

Junkermann, like all other consummate artists, who have the interests of their art, as well s their own personalities, at heart, evidently deprecates the starring mania, as it is understood at the present time. Mr. Amberg has surounded him with a company of artists, and Junkermann very evidently prefers giving a mooth, thorough performance to an unsatisfacory entertainment, enlivened by glances of tellar brightness only.
In "Das Bemooste Haupt" (which really

means a head grown so old that it has gathered nose; a bemoscal head, in fact), Junkermann appeared as Strobel, an old fellow who is emoyed by college students to do their errands, black their boots and render himself generally The collegians amuse themselves in exremely singular ways, and Strobel aids and abets them to the best of his senile ability. The object of the play, I imagine, is more to depict the life of the students in the German universities than to tell the rather conventional love tory with which it also deals. While Strobel and the merry students are upon the stage the attention is interestingly held, but the melodra-matically speed love story is so stereotyped that

matically speed love story is so stercotyped that it can be merely endured.

The play is enlivened by songs capitally sung, and the scene in which Strobel appears with a street origin and the students with caus and whistles in the production of "Katzenmusik" convenied the audience last night. To any one who knows anything about college life at Stuttgart or He delberg the scene is pregnant with resilien. In fact the realism is perhaps too apparent at ones time. The sudden stekness of a youthful pine-smoker is by no means charmingly pertrayed, though undoubtedly faithfully done. More charm and loss faith would be preferable.

able.
Fraulein Grosse, Fraulein Wilke and Herr Haak do some excellent work, and Mr. Amberg has mounted the play appropriately. It is not a work that calls for any very remarkable vectic ALAN DALE.

Out of Sorts Is a feeling peculiar to persons of dyspeptic tendency,

or it may be caused by change of climate, season or life

The stomach is out of order, the head aches or does not

feel right, appetite is capricious, the nerves seem over-worked, the mind is confused and irritable. This con-

dition finds an excellent corrective in Hood's Sarsaparilla, which, by its regulating and toning powers, soon restores harmony to the system and gives that strength of mind, nerves and body which makes one

ANOTHER BRILLIANT YEAR.

President Harper Makes a Splendid Report -Wonderful Progress of the Association at Rome and Abroad-Congratulatory Speeches and Telegrams-A Magnificen

The history of a year's successes was yester day listened to and greeted with applause by a large body of representative men in the rooms of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, Potter Building, 38 Park Bow. It was the occasion of the annual meeting of this great body and its representatives and friends, among whom were many names well known in political and financial circles, friends of the Association and its energetic President, Edward B. Harper. feature of the occasion, and the wonderful progress of the Association, both at home and abroad, gave evidence of the master spirit of a man of progressive ideas and original methods which have gained for him and his Company world-wide reputation.

Telegrams and greetings from England, Paris, and from all parts of the United States extending good wishes for the continued presperity of Mutual Reserve and its President were received and read with many signs of approval, The meeting was called to order by the President, who read his eighth annual address, an

able, comprehensive document, and extremely interesting to insurance men and the thinking community at large. MIL HARPER'S ADDRESS.

The work of another year is completed. One more milestone along the roadside of the life of or Association has been placed in position. The eighth year of the history of our Associationas upon its seroll will be found a record of the most notable events that have ever transpired since its organization.

Each year for the past seven years it has been my pleasure and privilege to present to you my annual report, and each year in succession these reports have shown progress and prosperity such as was never before attained in the same length of time since incorporation by any other life insurance company in and yet the year just closed has brought to us a greater measure of success than has ever before een my privilege to report.

The natural premium system of life insurance s an established fact, because it calls from the members only for such sums as shall equal the death claims, as the same occur, with a limitation as to expenses, and this system appeals directly to the common sense of all frugal forceasting professional and business men, and as presented under the system of the Mutual Reerve Fund Life Association, it combines cheapess with absolute security; a security as certain o be paid at maturity as any government bond issued by our own or by any other country or

Mr. Harper here unfolded the scheme and plans of the Emergency Reserve Fund and com-pared them with statistics of other companies and the old systems.

A GOOD SHOWING. We having paid within the year to the widows nd orphans of our deceased members \$1.582,-00, and in addition thereto our surplus reserve emergency fund has increased during the year 1888 by more than \$500,000; and had our mortality equalled the mortality of the Equitable Life for 1887, when it was twenty-eight years in existence, or the mortality of the New York Life for the same year, in its forty-fifth year of existence, or for any previous year in the history of these organizations, our rates of mortuary premiums based upon the age of entry would have been sufficient to have paid the death claims in full as they occurred and permitted the accumulation of the total loading of 33 per cent, for the surplus reserve emer-

permitted the accumulation of the total loading of 33 per cent, for the surplus reserve emergency fund. Among other falsehoods which have been freely circulated by the representatives of the high rate level premium life insurance companies has been the charge that this Association made it a practice to refuse the payment and to scale houest death claims.

In the early history of our Association the representatives of these same level premium companies were accustomed to circulate the falsehood, directly reverse to this, which was that we paid all death claims, many of which were frauds, the proceeds thereof passing into the pockets of the officers of our Company. We, of course, were compelled to answer this charge, and, having proven to the world and to our members that the charge was false, those high rate monopoly life insurance companies resorted to the other trick of sending forth all over the world the falsehood that this Association fails to pay its honest death claims in full. The originators and promulgators of this falsehood well understood the fact that, having once set affoat the falsehood; it would require a long time before we would be able to dispreve or eath an with it. Many good and true men were led to believe that there was some foundation for these falsehoods, since they were not acquainted with the real character of the men who were the original authors of them. The papers publishing the same were led to believe that they were raid authors and promulgators of these vile slauders upon our matitution were the executive officers of the publisher on an account of the second of the se

recognized as honest men or to be the associates of gentlemen.

To repl this charge your executive management invited its members to visit the office of the Company and personally inspect each death claim ever presented to the Association, and to satisfy themselves whether the charge was true or false, and by the circulation of these false charges the Insurance Commissioners of many of the States of the Union where the Association was transacting business visited our office and caused an examination to be made into the affairs of our Company, and especially upon the point whether we had paid each and every honest death claim in full, or whether we had in any way or manuer misappropriated the funds of our Association.

our Association. Mr. Harrer then gave the history of these inestigations. Each and all of the various insurance depart-Each and all of the various insurance departments, after making said personal examination, extitled that our houset death claims in every instance had been paid in full; that our morthary receipts had been housetty applied for the purposes (or which they were collected; that the management of your Association had exercised prudence, care, wiselom and skill in the administration of its affairs; that its books and accounts had been correctly kept, that its fundance well and carefully invested and protected.

various committees of policy-holders have made similar examinations, and upon the competing of their work have certified to the same acts; and yet, in the face of such evidence, the epires natives of these high-rate competing ite incurance companies—many of whom are apposed to be honest men and gentlemen—are expressed to be honest men and gentlemen—are still circulating these outrageous falsehoods, although the management of your Association have caused to be uperted in the daily press and other problections throughout our country a notice offering a reward of \$1,000 for the name of any homest death claim due which had not been paid in full, the fact to be determined by any two bank presidents in New York City. And although this reward has now been offered for over a year, yet not one single demand has ever been made upon the management for payment of the reward. (Applause.)

One would suppose that the men who are the authors and tho men who circulate these mistrepresentations represent institutions that present evidence of reliability and correct prac-Various committees of policy-holders have

present evidence of reliability and correct practices superior to that of the Mutual Reserve, but, as a matter of fact, there is no other life insurance organization in existence that has ever been so frequently examined by insurance officials and insurance experts, or that has ever been so that has ever been so that has ever been sometimes independent experiments.

has been the case with the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association.

We received applications for admission to membership during the past year covering insurance to the smount of \$41,000,000—(applause)—of which we accepted and wrote \$37,006,000, and our total insurance in force Dec. 31, 1888, was \$168,002,850, Our net increase for the year, after providing for all expiries, lapses and deaths, approximates \$13,000,000, (Applause.)

We have already paid during the past eight

TWO CALLS FOR DR. BLISS. A SHOWER OF CHESTNUTS. CREAMER'S FRESH-AIR DOCK. SUCCESS ATTESTS WORTH.

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level premium life insurance companies, said saving exceeding the sum of \$10,060,000. (Applause.)

Within the past twelve months we have discovered the fact that our office containing the records of the Company has been enered in the dead of night by persons who are acting in the interest of the level premium life insurance monopolies, and the doors to the cases containing our records have been so frequently unbinged by those monopoly tools as to make the intoges valueless, and pluga upon plugs have been used to hold the hinges in place.

Having thus secured a list of our membership from time to time, they have been able to flood our members with the vile literature and false-hoods which have emanated from their corrupt brains. We have knowledge of a single list of our members being in possession of one office containing more than twelve thousand names of members of this Association. This fact is admitted by the person who has this list, and the money that was paid for this list of stoler records, obtained through theft from the office of our Association, came from the trust funds of the level premium life insurance monopolies.

It may be that the parties contributing this money (the parties originating these thefts) may consider themselves honest men, but I am sure that it is only a question of time when public opinion will brain them by their proper titles, as being simply nothing more or less than theyer, mayority to be the associates of gennion will brand them by then or less than being simply nothing more or less than being simply nothing more or less than being simply nothing more than a second or less than being simply nothing more than the respect or men, and unworthy to receive the respect or officence of either their own members or of the

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the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association
ears the imprint of the same class of work as
some from the experi safe-blowers, and it is
ny opinion that they are already pasengers upon beautifully equipped palace
ars, but the track upon which these cars are
unning leads direct to our penitentiaries, where
hey will undoubtedly be landed upon schedule ne. (Applause,)
President Harper concluded with a tribute to
is fellow-workers. His address was received nis fellow-workers. with much applause.

President Harper then stated that the Vice-President, Alfred Taylor, would read the report of the Executive Committee. Before reading the report Mr. Taylor stated that, his term as director having expired, he begged the members of the Association not to re-elect him. He found it necessary, to preserve perfect harmony in the Board, that he should withdraw. Mr. Taylor then proceeded to read the report of the Executive Committee. THE EXECUTIVE REPORT.

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Mr. Taylor said that at the close of 1884, after the Association had been in existence four years, the net assets were \$314,518.46. Four more years have passed away, and the net cash assets are \$1,953,953.81, an increase more than sixfold. The report concluded with a most able statement of the work of the year, a use tribute to the work of the President, Mr. Harper. Other reports were then in order. OTHER REPORTS.

The Secretary then read his report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1888. The total assets of the Association are \$2,742,201.50; liabilities, \$1,213,843.01; net surplus, \$1,528,448.40. Applause.)
Henry S. Reindmund, the Comptroller, then submitted the following report:

Net cash and invested assets on Dec. 31, 1888, were. Net cash and invested assets on Dec. 31, 1887, were. \$1,953,753.81 .. 1,472,200.41 8481,553.32 Total or gross assets Dec. 31, 1888.... Total or gross assets Dec. 31, 1887.... \$2,742,291.50 2,202,078.37 **\$539,313.13** Cash income in 1888 from all sources \$2,550,551.98 Cash income in 1887 from all sources was 2,315,227,19 Increase in cash over 1887... \$235,324.79 Increase in cash over 1887

Distributions Total disbursements 1888 were.

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\$2,068,008,66 1,832,266,86 An increase in 1888 of..... \$236,731.80 Nearly the whole of this increase is from the excess of death claims paid in 1888 over 1887, as follows: Death claims paid in 1888... Death claims paid in 1887... Excess of death claims paid in 1888 over 1887..... \$203,650.98 Net surplus Dec. 31, 1888. Net surplus Dec. 31, 1887. *1:338:445.48 Increase in net surplus 1888. \$220,284.30 INVESTMENTS. \$220,284.30 Mortgage investments Dec. 31, 1888. \$1,496,000.00 964.500.00 \$531,500.00

During past year 13,251 applications for insurance were received aggregating. \$41,188,200.00 (9) which \$41,188,200.00 (12,124 policies issued, covering. \$37,908,800.00 (2,125 policies) (1,00

The report concluded with the following:

Loss during 1888 (434 members)
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Total death loss to each \$1,000 in
1888.
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1887.
Excess in 1888 over 1887. The light mortality of the Association is due to the great care of the medical department in election of risks.

Other reports were made by the different departments, showing great progress.

PROGRESS ABROAD. PROGRESS ARROAD.

Mr. Wm. Heyward, the London manager, and Dr. Tyng, the Parisian agent of the Company, read the reports of foreign work. These two gentlemen delivered very bright addresses, in which they showed the wonderful progress of the Association abroad.

Mr. Heyward also read the following cable-grams from London and Liverpool:

The London effice sends greating and by to-day's ma sectors and £50,300 (\$251,500) worth of new business GRIFFETH, Manager The Liverpool office sends greeting and forwards busin to-day £15,000 (\$75,000) worth in new business B. M. Callowell. D. M. CALDWELL.

LONDON, Jan. 23, 1888.

My Dear Mr. Harper, As I can not be with you on
the 28th I wish to send kindly greetings to all assembled, and had Iglass in hand the roast would be.

Success to the M. E. L. Association and its noble
President, may both live long and prosper, Please
convey to one and all my hearty good wishes, as well as
congratulations on the success of 1888. May 1889,
show even more marked progress. England will do its
best. Help us with our work as far as possible.

D. M. GRIFFETH, Manager,

RESOLUTIONS. Mr. Harwood, of Boston, offered the follow The resolutions:
Wherear, The reports read at this annual meeting of
the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association indicate
unmistakably the growth of the business, success and
security of this Association, and establish beyond question the certainty that the principles underlying the
plan of insurance adopted by this Association are bearing the fruit primitised by its promoter to a degree that
is highly gratifying to policy-holders here assembled:
thorefore, be it therefore, be it

Newsfeed. That we assert our confidence in the management of the Association, and hereby extend to Mr.
E. B. Harper, President, and to one and all connected
with executive duties, our grateful recognition and
thanks for their intelligent services in our behalf.

The resolution was unanimously carried.
The following resolution was offered by Elisha
Shields, of Philadelphia, and after some debate unantimously carried:

Whereas The Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association
was established upon the natural premium system of
life insurance, which requires the members to pay simply their proportion of the death claims, with 33 percent additional thereto, which additional sum has for
its object the creation of a reasonable surplus reserve
emergency rund to provide against unforeseen contingencies.

emergency and to provide against untrospect continuous experiences.

Resolved, That in event any sums are hereafter required for the payment of death claims in excess of the sums resilized from current bi-monthly morturery premium rails, at the maximum raies at age of entry as established by the Association, that are applicable to the death much, the Beard of Directors shall have power to pay each death claims that are in excess thereof from the current receipts that are applicable to the surplus reserve emergency fund, provided that ead surplus hall always be maintained at not less than \$2,000,000.

Nothing shall conflict with the by-laws in this.

The election for directors being next in order, a recess was held.

After recess the following gentlemen were announced as having been duly elected directors for four years: Newell W. Bloss, C. R. Bissell. nounced as having been duly elected directors for four years: Newell W. Bloss, C. R. Bissell, Franklin Underhill.

Mr. Baldwin, of Baltimore, expressed himself as very much gratified with the meeting in all directions.

Gen. Hardcastle, of Easton, Md., was called upon, but said he was no talker, having been educated as a soldier.

And the meeting adjourned.

Nubsequently the Board met and organized as follows:

follows:
President—Edward B. Harper.
First Vice-President—O. D. Baldwin, President
American Loan and Trust Company and late
President Fourth National Bank.
Second Vice-President—Newell W. Bloss.
Treasurer—Charles B. Bissell. Elected unanimously, but resigned; resignation accepted, and

Henry J. Reinmund elected Treasurer and Chairman Finance Committee-Dr. S. A. Rob.

nson.
Secretary-F. T. Braman.
Medical Director-Dr. J. W. Bowden.
Assistant Medical Director-Dr. H. M. Hitch.

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Assistant Secretaries—J. M. Stevenson and B. W. T. Amsden.
Executive Committee—N. W. Bloss, E. B. Harper, H. J. Reimunnd.
Secretary to Executive Committee—J. W. Bowdon.
Connsel—Messrs. Taylor and Parker.
Supervisor of the Death Claim Department—John Muligan.
Conneil Officers—Warring Kennedy, Henry L. Lamb, Dr. D. M. Caidwell, Thomas P. Baldwin, William Wilson, W. H. Hayward, Joseph A. Harwood.
Franklin Underhill, Insurance, New York City: Dr. Jules Rechard, Chief Medical Director for France, Inspecteur General in Service

Franklin Underhill, Insurance, New York City: Dr. Jules Rochard, Chief Medical Director for France, Inspecteur General du Servica de Santé de la Marine en retraite, Membre de l'Academie de Medicine, Paris, France; George R. McChesney, Adjuster, New York City; J. M. Stevenson and B. W. T. Amsden, Assistant Secretaries, New York City; Julius W. Kraft, Cashier, New York City; Julius W. Kraft, Cashier, New York City; B. G. Bloss, Inspector of Agents, New York City; Samuel W. Wray and John J. Acker, Auditors.

Among those present were: Among those present were:

C. F. Blandin, Eugene Weeks, Florence, Italy, G. A.
Tothill, New York, W. C. Page, Major John Hopper,
Boston, Mass., Edward F. Parv, Chicago, Oscar H.
Shields, Philadelphia, Pa., Samuel W. Way, Philadelphia,
Pa., John J. Acker, Albany, H. R. Josselm,
Derroit, L. A. Osborne, Rev. J. C. Drum, W.
G. Yon Fusckler, McClintock Bernitz, Brookinn,
A. C. Wall, Gosben, R. C. Jones, New York, G. W.
Skollen, New York, William Miller, Montolar, N. J.
J. W., Kraft, New York, W. H. Butts, Brooklyn, J. A.
Lackey, New York, G. R. McChesney, Rochester, B.
W. T. Amsden, Sing Ning; Almont Bares, Yonkers,
William H. Barber, New York, R. Harrison Jones,
Bayunne, N. J.; Lesile, E. Martin, Brooklyn, N. Y.;
Edward Thomas, New York, and many others.

FOURTEEN FIRMS BURNED OUT.

Stubborn Early Morning Fire in a Big Donble Building in Walker Street. Fire broke out in the large seven-story double brick building, 88 and 90 Walker

street, just after midnight this morning.

Charles W. Stubling, the assistant englneer in the building, discovered the flames creeping out in the rear of A. W. Harring-ton's stamping works on the second floor.

An alarm was quickly sent out, and in five minutes the firemen were at work. The building was occupied by fourteen firms, and the inflammable nature of the stock caused the first to burn flercals. By I collect the inflammable nature of the stock caused the fire to burn fiercely. By 1 o'clock, however, the flames were under control, but the rear of the building was entirely gutted. It is impossible to state the losses until the drip of the gallons of water which cover the floors ceases and the rubber covers can be removed. It will be close on to \$100,000. The various floors were occupied by J. Weinman, woollen goods: Sigismund G. Wormser, agent for the Atlantic Paper Company; J. J. Carroll, packing boxes; A. W. Harrington. stamping materials; Levy M. Keyser, jeweller: Charles Stoltman, whalebone maker; John Keller, printer, Excelsior Button Company, Liberty Novelty Company, Common Sense Metallic Packing Company, Jennings & Co., printers; David Weil's Sons, lithographers; Morris Hirsch, printer, and Muncet & Creter, machinists.

VASSAR HOSPITAL TROUBLES.

Was a Word Inserted in the Will of the Philantropist ? ISPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.

POUGHEEPSIE, N. Y., Jan. 24. - The attack on Vassar Brothers' Hospital, which was started in the Board of Health by Dr. Porteous, is renewed this morning by the ap pearance of a printed petition, signed by

never been opened.

The petition also charges that somebody has inserted the word "incurables" in Matthew Vassar's will, so that incurables cannot be received in the hospital.

The petition closes with the expression: "In the name of God and humanity, we beg of you to give this your most earnest consideration.

The attack seems to centre upon Dr. Guy C. Bayly.

C. Bayly. There are thirteen doctors on the hospital staff, and they will meet to-night to cor the situation.

WYETH HELD IN HEAVY BAIL. Prohibitionist Wardwell Goes Surety for

the Accused Broker's Clerk. William L. Wyeth, the former managing clerk for W. S. Lawson & Co., stock brokers of 49 Exchange place, who was arrested last Saturday charged specifically with heavy defalcations and the larceny of five \$1,000 first mortgage bonds of the Evansville and Terre Haute Railroad on Sept. 6, 1887, was arraigned at the Tombs Police Court this morning.

dressed young fellow, was perfectly cool and easy in his demeanor. He waived further examination and was held in \$10,000 bail for trial.

His former bondsman, William T. Wardwell, of 17 West Fifty-eighth street, the Prohibition candidate for Mayor, signed Wyeth's bail bond in that amount for his appearance

Wyeth, who is a bandsome and fashionably

for trial in the General Sessions Court. NEW JERSEY NEWS.

Little Katle Burrill Missing and Thought to Be Kidnapped. Katie Burrill, a little thirteen-year-old col-

ored girl, of 95 Coles street, Jersey City, is

reported missing at Headquarters. Mrs. Harris, her aunt, says the child left the house Sunday night and it was afterwards found that she had made up a package of clothing and bought a cap and an apron.
After church on Sunday night Nellie Gale,
who lives at Eighth street, saw Nellie at the
corner of Ninth street. Mrs. Harris thinks

was loitering about the place on Saturday, and tried to get the child to run an errand WORLDLINGS.

for him.

Katie has been kidnapped. She says a man

Jay Gould is said to have control of more than we hundred thousand miles of railroad. The Younger brothers, the famous despersdoes, who are now confined in the Stillwater (Minn.) Prison, are said to be model convicts

youngest, is devoting all his spare time to the study of theology, and has already gained a wide knowledge of the Scriptures. Chief Justice Fuller is frequently roused from sleep by messenger boys who bring him special delivery letters from cranks containing gratuitous advice about the disposal of cases before

and great favorites of the Warden. Bob, the

the Supreme Court. John Wansmaker, the rich Philadelphia merchant, sperds \$5,000 a week on advertising, and employs a skilful writer at a salary of \$1,000 a month to attend to it.

Burglars Shoot a Watchman.

INFECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD. I
BOSTON, Jan. 24.—Shortly after 2 o'clock this morning an attempt was made by two burgiars to enter the railway station at Cliftondale, & small village on the Saugus branch of the Eastern Division of the Boston and Maine Railroad. They were discovered by the watchman, who at once raised an alarm and attacked the burglars. The latter turned upon him and a three-handed struggle ensued. Before help could be secured the miscreants broke away from the watchman, and, turning, fired two shots at him, one taking effect in his neck. He fell to the ground and the burgiars escaped. The watchman will probably die.

When Johnny Goes Marching On-Gilmore's Band, eighty-four pieces, will march at the head of the John J. O'Brien Association in the inauguration parade at Washing-